

Faye Luther Trail Realignments

Decision Record

DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2016-0007-DNA

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EA-NV-030-2006-17



Introduction

The Carson Valley Trails Association (CVTA) is proposing three separate trail realignments to the Faye Luther Trail system located in Alpine County, CA. The proposed trail realignments would involve the existing Grand View Loop, Lonesome Trail and the Interpretive Trail. The *existing* Interpretive Trail segment would be rehabbed soon after the construction of the proposed realignment. The *existing* Grand View and Lonesome trail segments would be retained in the trail system unless use monitoring and/or maintenance issues indicate a retained trail segment warrant's rehabilitation.

Public Involvement

The Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office completed an Environmental Assessment (EA-NV-030-2006-17) for similar trail related work at Faye Luther in August of 2006. Public scoping on the 2006 project included the EA's contact list and a 30-day public comment period. Public comments received during scoping were evaluated and considered.

Land Use Conformance

The Proposed Action described below is in conformance with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) (BLM 2001):

On page REC-2, 1: "Provide a wide range of quality recreation opportunities on public lands under management by the Carson City Field Office."

Authority

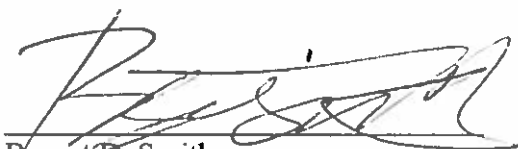
Implementation of the Proposed Action is under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Rationale

The Proposed Action meets the criteria described in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to prevent undue and unnecessary degradation of public land. The Proposed Action of DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2016-0007-DNA is similar in context to the Proposed Action described in the 2006 EA. The Faye Luther Trail System provides some of the most accessible trail opportunities in the region that is family oriented with loop and interpretive opportunities used primarily by hikers. The project would create alignments that provide ascent/descent grades that are accessible for most individuals to use and enjoy and easier to maintain.

Decision

It is my decision to approve the action as described in the Proposed Action of DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2016-0007-DNA.



Bryant D. Smith
Acting Field Manager
Sierra Front Field Office

3/23/2016
date

APPEAL PROCEDURES

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4. If you appeal, your appeal must also be filed with the Bureau of Land Management at the following address:

Bryant D. Smith
Acting Field Manager
BLM, Sierra Front Field Office
5665 Morgan Mill Road
Carson City, NV 89701

Your appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days from receipt or issuance of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4942, January 19, 1993) for a stay (suspension) of the decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for stay must accompany your notice of appeal. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to:

Board of Land Appeals
Dockets Attorney
801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22203

A copy must also be sent to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor at the same time the original documents are filed with the above office.

U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of the Regional Solicitor
Pacific Southwest Region
2800 Cottage Way, Room E-1712
Sacramento, CA 95825

If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied.
2. The likelihood of the appellants' success on the merits.
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted.
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

The Office of Hearings and Appeals regulations do not provide for electronic filing of appeals. Electronically filed appeals will therefore not be accepted.